

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 5-18 are now present in this application.

The specification and claims 1, 11, 12, 14 and 16 have been amended, claims 2, 3, 4 have been canceled and claim 19 has been added. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

In the Official Action, the drawings are objected to because certain reference characters are not mentioned in the description. In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the specification and drawings have the same reference characters and as such corrected drawings are not needed. Withdrawal of the drawing objections is respectfully requested.

Claims 6 and 11-18 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is submitted that the claims should particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention. As such, this rejection should now be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 1, 7, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C §102(b) as being anticipated by Nishimura (US 6,286,525). Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishimura in view of Goss (US 5,345,640). Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable in view of Nishimura. All of these rejections are respectfully traversed.

However, the Examiner kindly indicated that Claims 2-4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and claims 12-18 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter including **the couple of first rotation axes, second rotation axes, first, second, third and**

fourth transmission belts, first and second motors, the first rotation axes rotating the rotation module and the second rotation axes controlling the wash-heads claimed in claims 2-4. Additionally claim 2 is effectively rewritten as claim 19 and claims 3, 4 are canceled. Therefore, Claims 1 and 19 should now be allowable. Claim 11 has been amended to be one sentence to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C §112, second paragraph. Therefore, Claim 11 should now be allowable. Moreover claims 12, 14, 16 are further amended with minor changes to clarify the language.

It is now believed that the subject Patent Application has been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. Withdrawal of all objections and rejections are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, applicant the pending application should be in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

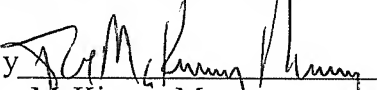
Because the additional prior art cited by the Examiner has been included merely to show the state of the prior art and had not been utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning these documents should be necessary at this time.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Joe McKinney Muncy Reg. No. 32,344 at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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